

TELL TAFT ALBANY SCANDALS

HUGHES WOULD TAKE OFF LID AND REORGANIZE PARTY.

Depew, Woodruff and Wadsworth Oppose—Griscom and Bannard Back Hughes—President Does Not Commit Himself—Was a Listener, Not an Arbitrator.

Six men—Gov. Hughes, Senator Depew, Speaker Wadsworth, State Chairman Woodruff, County Chairman Griscom and Otto T. Bannard—discussed with President Taft at Mr. Griscom's house yesterday the condition of the Republican party in this State, and principally, so far as could be learned after the conference, discussed the desirability of a reorganization and the question whether it would be better to uncover now other cases of bribery which the Allds case threatens to bring to the surface at Albany, and to have a general housecleaning, or just to limit the inquiry now opened to the Allds case.

President Taft according to all accounts did not commit himself to an opinion.

Gov. Hughes and those who support him are understood to believe that if the Legislature widened the scope of its inquiry other similar cases would be uncovered. It was learned that Gov. Hughes, Mr. Griscom and Mr. Bannard urged a reorganization of the party in the State while Senator Depew, Mr. Woodruff and Speaker Wadsworth held that even if Senator Allds should be found guilty of accepting a bribe his case could not be construed as typical and that it would be unfair to draw an inference that Republican members of the Legislature were in the habit of taking money for their votes. In reply it is understood the conferees who took Gov. Hughes' side contended that the party in the State was in a bad way and that the best way to meet the situation would be to come out openly and advocate a reorganization just as the Democratic State League is doing to the Democratic party.

Objection was made to this suggestion, and Mr. Taft taking neither side, the conference was evenly divided. From what could be learned it was left to Mr. Taft to say which of the two policies advocated should be adopted. It was explained for him that he was at the conference more as a listener than as an arbitrator and that as President of the whole country he did not conceive that it was fair to ask him to take sides in what he thought was to a large extent a factional dispute in the State. His position was described as being that, while he would be willing to give such advice as might be asked of him to bring about solidarity in the party of the State, it could not be expected that he would do anything which might be construed as taking an active interest in Republican politics here.

From State Chairman Woodruff and from others who were at the meeting it was learned that it was not suggested that he should retire.

"Not once was there any hint made at the conference," Mr. Woodruff said, "that it would be best for the party for me to get out despite the fact that there was a lot of talk about reorganization. I had been any such indication I might have had something to say, but there was none and I expect to remain chairman until the end of my term, which expires in September."

"Apart from the talk in the conference there was no suggestion made privately to you that it might be better for you to give up the chairmanship?" Mr. Woodruff was asked.

"Absolutely none, I can assure you," said Mr. Woodruff. "I will continue at the head of the State committee until September and I think that it will be I who will conduct the State campaign next fall."

At the close of the conference Mr. Griscom was asked by President Taft and Gov. Hughes to give out whatever news he thought was of public interest relating to the gathering. Mr. Griscom said that the greater part of the conference was taken up in an exchange of views between Mr. Taft and Mr. Hughes concerning the situation in this State.

"What particular line did that talk follow?" Mr. Griscom was asked.

"It had a great deal to do with the legal aspect of the Allds trial in Albany by the Legislature," Mr. Griscom replied. In answer to further question as to what the legal aspects of the case were Mr. Griscom thought that probably they covered the right of the Legislature to go further into the investigation than the single case of Senator Allds.

"You don't wish to give out the impression," the reporters suggested to Mr. Griscom, "that President Taft, Gov. Hughes, Speaker Wadsworth and the others who were upstairs at that two hour conference talked of nothing but the legal side of the Allds investigation?"

"No, perhaps I ought not to do that," Mr. Griscom answered. "As a matter of fact there was a great deal of discussion on the many features of the Republican situation in this State, but I would like you to make it clear that in every matter that came up the President and the Governor were entirely in harmony." Mr. Griscom explained by this that the President and the Governor were of one opinion in their desire that something should be done to counteract the unfortunate developments recently in the Republic.

Mr. Griscom added that nothing was determined upon as to how this could best be accomplished.

While the conference was going on in the upper rooms of Mr. Griscom's house the lower floors were filled with Republican district leaders, Senators, Assemblymen and Aldermen who had been invited to meet Mr. Taft, but the reception lasted only a few minutes. After shaking hands with a few of those who were able to push their way toward him Mr. Taft explained that he had little time—it was then nearly 6 o'clock—to get to his brother's house to dress for the Republican Club's dinner and begged Mr. Griscom's excuse for leaving him for breaking away.

THE POPULAR TRAIN SOUTH.

Albany and Augusta Special—L.V. New York daily via Southern Railway. Albany, N.Y., 11:30 A.M. Augusta, Ga., 11:30 A.M. Jacksonville, Fla., 11:30 A.M. Following day. Dining, sleeping and baggage rates. For full particulars apply to N.Y. Office, 190 Broadway—Ad.

BOY KILLS HIS MOTHER

And Wounds Baby Brother While Playing With Pistol.

Mrs. Agnes Brady, wife of William F. Brady, an engineer in a Third avenue department store, was accidentally shot and killed last night by a revolver in the hands of her nine-year-old son, John Brady.

The shooting took place in the kitchen of the Bradys' home on the top floor of the tenement at 680 East 138th street.

Mrs. Brady went out early in the evening to do her Sunday shopping. She was accompanied by her son William, 11 years old. She returned with her boy about 8 o'clock. While she was out John, who had been left to take care of his two-year-old brother, Thomas, went into a closet and got out his father's revolver. He was playing with the weapon when his mother returned.

Mrs. Brady sat down in a chair in the kitchen and took the two-year-old boy on her knee. A moment later the revolver that John was playing with was discharged. The bullet grazed the cheek of the baby, inflicting a flesh wound, and then struck the mother just over the heart.

Mrs. Brady put the baby down in the chair and staggered toward the door, trying to call for help. She fell dead before she reached the door. William ran in from the other room at the sound of the shot and when he saw what had happened called in the neighbors. An ambulance surgeon from the Lincoln Hospital said that Mrs. Brady already was dead. He took the baby, Thomas, to the hospital. The child is not badly hurt.

Brady works until 10 o'clock. He was called home by telephone. He said that he kept the revolver on a shelf in the closet out of the children's way, but that now and then he has been in the habit of taking it out and cleaning it. He thought that John had seen him do this and that it was with the idea of imitating his father that he got out the revolver.

John was placed under arrest. He was too badly frightened to tell much about the shooting except to say that he didn't mean to do it. There was no witness but the two-year-old baby.

PARIS SUFFRAGETTE PLANS.

A Woman Candidate, Whom No One Can Vote For, to Run in Every Ward.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The French suffragettes promise to enliven the general elections in May. Mlle. Durand, their leader, who is the editor of *Les Nouvelles*, has issued a plan of campaign.

There will be a woman candidate in every constituency in Paris, each belonging to a profession or possessing a degree of some sort. Mlle. Durand herself will oppose Deputy Paul Escudier, who is a strong opponent of woman suffrage.

That it will be impossible to vote for these ladies does not deter them. The campaign is intended to call attention to the cause.

DEFENDS THE LORDS.

Duke of Manchester Says Lloyd-George Is an Abusive Demagogue.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 12.—The Duke and Duchess of Manchester, with Eugene Zimmerman, father of the Duke, arrived in this city this morning. On Monday they will go to Palm Beach and later to Cuba and Mexico.

The Duke gave an interview at the Sinton Hotel. He said that while David Lloyd-George might appear at this distance as a hero, he is really a demagogue. He said Lloyd-George had injected into Parliament, heretofore wisely sedate and dignified, a new element, personal abuse. Lloyd-George resorted to coarse and abusive language, simply because he was unskilled as a debater and orator, the Duke said. He added:

"You may say that I am prejudiced, but it is not prejudice to assert that a man can flay his opponents more thoroughly by the use of good language than he can by the use of such phrases as 'liar,' 'thief,' 'robber,' 'scoundrel.'"

"If the budget," he said, "had been incorporated in a milder tariff section," he continued, "I think it would have passed, although the land taxes and the death taxes, or inheritance tax, were enormously exorbitant. You now have in America the problem of the cost of living. Had the budget passed we should have had our problem of the cost of dying. That inheritance tax I believe would have removed all incentive to the acquiring of a fortune."

He said that of the 600 Lords 300 were working heart and soul for the good of the empire.

"I am in favor of a plan by which a number of the active Lords would be permitted to conduct the Parliamentary affairs of the empire and the selection of Senators by the people to sit in the House of Lords which think the time is coming when such things will be done," the Duke said.

He said the Irish people did not want home rule, as that would mean shifting for themselves and paying all the expenses of government.

DOWN ON FOOD PIRATES.

New Orleans Proposes to Boycott Restaurants That Boast Rates for Strangers.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.—New Orleans is stirred up to-night over the war waged by Mayor Behrman and the Progressive Union against restaurants that are accused of having raised their prices to ridiculous points for the Mardi Gras carnival.

Several big conventions are scheduled here for this spring, among them the Shriners convocation, and it was declared to-night that unless every hotel and restaurant in town signs an agreement not to raise prices during these big fêtes the business and professional men affiliated with the city exchanges will boycott the offending places.

In the course of the carnival one restaurant had new bills of fare published in which its food rates were sent to prices unheard of in New Orleans. Oysters, which are as plentiful here as water, were listed at 90 cents a dozen.

Spitzer in Atlanta Prison.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 12.—Oliver Spitzer, recently convicted in New York of complicity in sugar weighing frauds, reached Atlanta late this afternoon in charge of United States officers to begin serving his two years sentence in the Federal prison.

REVIEW, a branch, the morning after, comes tomorrow. Spitzer is now at the Federal prison.

THE NAVAL TUG NINA MISSING

SHE LEFT NORFOLK FOR BOSTON LAST SUNDAY

And Has Not Been Heard From Since—Vessels From Boston, New York and Philadelphia Navy Yards Ordered Out to Seek Her—Had 22 Men Aboard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The seagoing tug Nina, which recently has served as the tender of the third submarine division, is several days overdue at Boston, and five naval vessels are searching the Atlantic coast line from Boston to Norfolk in an effort to locate her. The Nina sailed from the Norfolk Navy Yard last Sunday at 6:30 o'clock in the morning. She has not been seen or reported since leaving the mouth of Chesapeake Bay. She was due to arrive at Boston Tuesday or Wednesday. She had thirty-two men aboard.

When no report of her arrival at Boston was received at the Navy Department this morning orders were sent to the navy yards at Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk to begin immediately a systematic search. The coast line was divided into three sections, each of which will be patrolled by vessels from the nearest navy yard.

The collier *Cesar* and the tender *Castine* are cruising from Boston to Block Island. The supply ship *Culgoa* left the New York yard to-day to patrol from Block Island to the mouth of Delaware Bay. Two tugs, the *Apache* and the *Pontiac*, will be sent from the New York yard to-morrow to make daylight search along the south shore of Long Island and the New Jersey coast. The battleship *Louisiana* and the scout cruiser *Salem* left Norfolk to cruise from the mouth of the Chesapeake to the mouth of Delaware Bay. In addition the torpedo destroyer *Lanslow* left the Philadelphia navy yard this afternoon for a cruise to Boston.

Several theories have been advanced by naval officers to account for the disappearance of the Nina. The most pessimistic view is that she has foundered with all aboard in the rough weather which has prevailed within the last week.

The Nina was a staunch tug and some officers believe she would ride a fairly strong gale. There has been no exceptionally stormy weather in the last week, although the high winds have raised a heavy sea.

Another theory is that she suffered an injury to her machinery which has disabled her temporarily. She is a single screw vessel and would be totally helpless in case of a broken tailshaft or other injury to prevent the operation of her machinery. If she has been disabled through an accident to her engines it seems strange to naval officers that she has not been sighted by incoming steamers.

The Nina was returning from Norfolk to Boston after having conveyed several submarines from Boston to Norfolk. She was in a light condition and had no deck litter. The only officer on board the Nina is Chief Boatswain John S. Croghan, commanding. There are thirty-one other persons aboard her. According to the last reports on file at the Navy Department the complement of the Nina included the following:

John William Adams, Louisville, Ky.; Sam Brown, Newport, Ky.; Frank Joseph Carrington, New Haven, Conn.; Louis Cluse, Torrington, Staten Island; William Joseph Connors, New York City; Frank Blain Crockett, Hillsville, Va.; William John Darcy, Chicago; Jacob Deadwyler, Philadelphia; Ferdinand Brice, Philadelphia; John Rathborne Edlstone, New Orleans; Cleveland Elvin, Judges, Mich.; Otto Albert Faessel, Cleveland, Ohio; Emil Joseph Foster, residence not given; Clarence Ellsworth Fowler, Washington, D. C.; Harry Edgar Gerhardt, Philadelphia; Dudley Clement Hadley, White Plains, N. Y.; Emil Parkemen, Bay City, Mich.; Percy Pitts, 30 Suffolk street, Norfolk, Va.; Antoine Maghir, Brooklyn; Howard Ladd, Chicago; Charles Kathary, Hutchinson, Kan.; Charles A. Higginbotham, Rome, Ga.; John C. Hanson, Millford, Mass.; Fletcher L. Hallyburton, Greensboro, N. C.; John Schellie, Cincinnati; George Snipe, Port Royal, S. C.; E. Thaler, New York City; Louis Troc, Akron, Ohio; Teshiya, Sushiya, N. Y.; Roland Evan Dunk, Suffern, N. Y.; Roy K. Williams, Columbus Miss.

The Nina was built in 1865 at Chester, Pa. She was an iron tug, 137 feet in length, 26 feet beam and 8 feet 6 inches draught. She had a displacement of 357 tons. She made from eleven to twelve knots an hour. She had been in various kinds of service at the different navy yards along the coast.

SEARCHERS SENT OUT FROM HERE.

The supply steamship *Culgoa* and the naval tug *Apache* and *Pontiac* were sent out yesterday from the navy yard at Brooklyn to assist in the search for the Nina. They will limit their cruising to the southern Long Island coast and the New Jersey coast. It was said at the navy yard that every mile of sea along the probable course of the Nina from Norfolk to Boston would be covered thoroughly. The impression of naval men is that the tug is disabled, and as she is not equipped with wireless cannot tell her plight, has drifted out of the coastwise steamship lane and therefore has not been reported.

She was well known here, having been used chiefly as a tender to warships and as a despatch and tow boat in local waters. She also took part in most water festivals hereabout. She should have made Boston three days after sailing from Norfolk. She was repaired several weeks ago before she was assigned as tender to the third submarine division. She is equipped with sail for emergency and it is thought that she may be making some progress under canvas unless she has foundered under the onslaught of heavy seas combed up by recent gales.

Chicago to Have Cooperative Apartments.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—An eight flat \$200,000 cooperative apartment building is about to be built for residence by seven well known Chicagoans at Elm street and the Lake Shore drive. "The New York idea" is the term given the project by Howard Shaw, an architect, who will occupy one of the apartments. Each owner in the building will pay his share of the cost of construction and will own his individual slice, on which he also will pay the taxes.

DEWEY'S SUPERIOR OLD FORT WINE.

The most superior wine in the States. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 124 Fulton St., New York.

Germany Hopes He'll Win British Hearts as He Did Those of the U. S.

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Two Universalists Charged With Heresy.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12.—Paul Jordan Smith, pastor of the First Universalist Church of this city, and Dr. G. E. Cunningham, secretary of the Missouri Universalist Church, will be tried on February 20 on heresy charges filed by general officers of the church. Dr. Cunningham and Mr. Smith, addressing the convention of the Church at Detroit last fall, advocated the union of the Universalist and Unitarian churches. Dr. Cunningham was formerly a Methodist minister.

SHARP, QUICKER, FLORIDA STATE.

Sharp, quicker, Florida State with its new road over the State is now open. South All Lane Rd. Four miles through State. 1100 S.W. Broadway, corner 20th St., Jacksonville.

ASKS \$100,000 FROM AVIATOR.

Miss Broumel Sues Howard Warfield Gill of Baltimore for Breach of Promise.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 12.—Howard Warfield Gill, member of several clubs and an amateur aviator, was made defendant to-day in a suit for breach of promise by Miss Minnie King Broumel, who wants \$100,000 damages. Mr. Gill recently returned from Los Angeles, where he figured at the aviation meeting.

The suit follows closely the announcement that the marriage of Miss Broumel and Mr. Gill, set for January 5 last, had been postponed indefinitely.

In the paper filed only a formal allegation of breach of promise is made. It is a copy of the invitations which Mrs. Henry Morgan Broumel, mother of the plaintiff, issued for the wedding.

Miss Broumel said to-day that Mr. Gill and she became engaged on December 31, 1908, and that subsequently Mr. Gill went to Saranac Lake for his health, returning last August, when, she says, the date for the wedding was set for September of last year but was afterward postponed until January 5.

She says in anticipation of the wedding Mr. Gill gave her a watch and diamond ornaments. She also received, she said, a chest of silver from Mr. Gill's family.

Mr. Gill is an automobilist and has won several cups in competitions on local and out of town tracks. About a year ago he purchased a balloon and turned his attention to that sport. Afterward with H. S. Doach he constructed an aeroplane.

MAYORAL AMENITIES.

Gaynor Tramps Ten Miles to Raise Flag in Mayor Whitaker's Town.

ST. JAMES, L. I., Feb. 12.—Mayor Gaynor arrived here to-day on the 1 o'clock train. After dinner he changed his clothes and tramped five miles through slush and snow over to Nesconset to raise the flag which he sent to H. B. Whitaker, postmaster of Nesconset, three weeks ago. In his light rubber boots, thick jacket and cap he looked like the skipper of a fishing smack in stormy weather.

Mr. Whitaker was dubbed mayor of Nesconset by Mr. Gaynor some months ago. He called on Mayor Gaynor at the City Hall and told him of all his troubles in ruling Nesconset. He was once a schoolmaster in England and is very serious and formal.

Mayor Gaynor pulled the halyards and ran the flag up amidst the cheering of the assembled crowd of men, women and children. He then made a short address from the steps of the little post office. He spoke of Lincoln as entitled to the reverence of all men. He said that the next time the mayor of Nesconset visited him in New York he would have him spend the night with the people from the steps of the City Hall.

After standing with Mr. Whitaker for a picture of the two mayors Mr. Gaynor tramped back to St. James. He went to his barnyard and assisted in feeding the horses, cows and hogs, and then went to dine with the Rev. Dr. Holden, rector of the Episcopal church.

KIDNAPPING CASE QUASHED.

Mrs. Kremer Satisfied to Get Her Adopted Son Back Again.

BOSTON, Feb. 12.—The case against Mrs. Ellen Buchanan of Mattapan, charged with kidnapping her grandson, Carleton Clark Kremer, was dismissed in the Dorchester municipal court this morning. Mrs. Kremer saying she was satisfied to get back her legally adopted son.

Mrs. Maud Clark, the mother of the boy, was at the court house also. Mrs. Kremer told her that she could come to the hotel this afternoon to see her son, but after that she must keep away, as she could not afford the great expense of getting the boy back again every time he was kidnapped.

Mrs. Clark came on from New York in great haste yesterday on learning that Mrs. Kremer was on the track of the boy who was kidnapped a couple of weeks ago for the sixth time.

Mrs. Kremer, after she had allowed Mrs. Clark to see her child this afternoon, took a train for New York, where she will join her husband, Dr. Kremer. She was accompanied by Miss Helen Murphy, sister of Tenement House Commissioner John J. Murphy of New York.

REPENTS HER ICE PALACE.

Minnesota Finds It Still Gives Her a Reputation for Coldness.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—Agitation for the suppression of ice palaces as exhibition features in Minnesota is to be brought before the Minnesota Bankers Association at the convention in June.

"However nominal," they may seem, the old ice palace to-day doing Minnesota incalculable harm," said a Minneapolis banker. The State Immigration Commissioner has received thousands of letters asking about it. Last summer at our booth at the State fair some woman asked where the ice palace was—she wanted to see it.

"This thing should receive attention, and if the State immigration board can secure the enactment of such laws as will make people understand that States south of here could build just as good an ice palace as Minnesota had and that the climate here is not inclement in the winter it shall be done."

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HOT SPRINGS ITS OLD SELF.

Gambling Resumed, for the City Needs Money From Fines.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 12.—The glided halls which have been darkened by shutters for several seasons have opened. Everything from faro to roulette is going to-night and the rattle of poker chips is heard in six full fledged "clubs," all of which have been practically licensed by an unwritten agreement that weekly fines shall be paid to the city.

Poolrooms will open on Monday, according to the general opinion to-day. The prime mover of the company furnishing racetrack information to poolrooms over leased wires has been here for several days. The old poolrooms have been overhauled.

Umbrella Bill McGuigan, former racetrack owner and horse trainer, is active against the lifting of the lid. But merchants and hotel proprietors are believed to control the situation, backed up by Mayor Jedd and the City Council.

Hot Springs recently was so short of funds that an Alderman's wife loaned money to pay off policemen and firemen. Mayor Jedd explains that the Government owns so much property in the corporate limits that taxes of citizens cannot pay the city's expenses without fines from gambling, which, it is declared, cannot be suppressed during "the season," but can be regulated.

NEW YORK AND FLORIDA SPECIAL.

Special of the Great Train operated by Florida, Cuba, South, Penna. and Atlantic Coast Lines. 1:20 P. M. daily. 12th Street—Ad.

AUGUST BELMONT TO MARRY

HIS ENGAGEMENT TO ELEANOR ROBSON ANNOUNCED.

He's the Head of August Belmont & Co. and Is a Widower—She's an Actress and Closed Her Career as a Star Last Night—To Be Married Next Month.

Formal announcement of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Robson to August Belmont was made last evening to a wide circle of intimate friends. Mr. Belmont's attentions to Miss Robson for somewhat over two years resulted last spring in rumors of an engagement, which were denied; but in spite of these denials the engagement has for a long time been expected.

Miss Robson closed her season last night at the Majestic Theatre, Brooklyn, as *Gladiatrix* in Mrs. Burnett's play of cheerfulness, "The Dawn of a To-morrow," and at the same time ended her artistic career. She will return to her home, 302 West Seventy-seventh street, where she will remain until the marriage.

Miss Robson was born in England and was brought by her parents to this country as a child. At the age of 7 she was placed in the convent school, St. Peter's Academy, West Brighton, Staten Island, where she remained until she was 18. It was then necessary for her to choose a calling, and she chose the stage, a profession in which her mother, Mrs. Madge Carr Cook, had already achieved conspicuous success and later as *Mrs. Wiggs* in "The Cabbage Patch" won for herself fame and fortune.

Miss Robson's first appearance, in 1897, as *Margery Knox* in "Men and Women" at the California Theatre, San Francisco, was in a large measure purely accidental. She was travelling with her mother, who was playing an important role in the production, when the actress playing *Margery Knox* was taken ill. The management had no understudy and Miss Robson volunteered. She went on without previous experience and with a few hours study and made a decided impression. This decided her choice of a profession; hitherto she has expected to be a painter. She played a wide range of characters and made a marked impression. Her classical roles were *Juliet* in "Romeo and Juliet"; *Kate Hardcastle* in "She Stoops to Conquer"; and *Constance* in Browning's "In a Balcony."

Miss Robson began her career as a star at the Garden Theatre, New York, as *Mary Ann* in "Merely Mary Ann" about five years ago. The piece was removed to three different playhouses in this city and enjoyed an unbroken run extending over a whole year. Its production in the Duke of York's Theatre, London, captured the critics and theatregoers, winning for the actress place and esteem in literary and artistic London.

Two of the strongest of Miss Robson's character parts are *Salome Jane*, from Bret Harte's story, and *Gladiatrix*, which she played for the last time last evening.

Miss Robson's serious work has been along theatrical lines, but no less seriously she has been interested in literature. Her work won for her artistic recognition, and for a long time she has been a figure in the artistic and literary circles of this city and of London, claiming among her friends the late Marion Crawford, George Bernard Shaw, Israel Zangwill, Lewis N. Parker, Barrie and Pinero.

Miss Robson is fond of all sorts of outdoor recreation, riding, driving, sailing and golf.

Mr. Belmont is a widower, 57 years old. His wife died in Paris in September, 1898. She was the daughter of Edward Morgan and granddaughter of the famous old merchant Matthew Morgan of this city. He has three sons, August, who in 1908 married Miss Alice de Gouville, this city and who at the first of her year he admitted into the firm of August Belmont & Co.; Raymond, recently graduated from Harvard and a clerk in the banking house, and Morgan, at St. Mark's Boarding School, Southboro, Mass.

Since the death of his wife Mr. Belmont has lived much alone, either in his house on East Thirty-fourth street or at his country seat at Hempstead, Long Island. His sons have passed most of their lives either at boarding school or at college.

The marriage will take place some time next month. The wedding will be a quiet one, at Miss Robson's house. Only the family and a few intimate friends will be present. Mr. and Mrs. Belmont will sail for a short trip through Europe, returning to open the home at Hempstead in time for the races at Belmont Park.

HER NAME ON AN EGG.

Woman Wrote It There—Restaurant Man Reads It Three Years Later.

OAKLAND CITY, Ind., Feb. 12.—E. C. New, local restaurant-keeper, recently bought some cold storage eggs, on one of which he found a woman's name and address. He wrote to the woman and learned that the name had been placed on the egg when the woman lived in Princeton, Ind., more than three years ago.

Mr. New wrote to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, who has said that one year is the limit of usefulness of the storage egg, and gave him the proofs of this egg's age. Dr. Wiley, in reply, said that the proof had been placed with the sub-committee that is investigating cold storage products and that it probably would prove valuable.

"WE MUST HAVE HUSBANDS."

Cleveland Girl Asks Uncle Joe to Make Congress Provide Them.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—People all over the country write to Speaker Cannon about everything. But the prize package in the way of a request dropped in on Uncle Joe in the form of a perfectly respectable looking letter to-day. Here it is:

"Our beaux cannot marry we girls because all foods and clothing is too high. What good is us girls if we do not have husbands? Why don't you make Congress provide husbands for us? You will do the country more good by seeing that all the young people are married. If all the young people were married we would not need any Congress or President. This world would then be a paradise. We must have husbands. Get some for us."

For reasons of the most profound delicacy the girl's name is omitted, but the letter is postmarked Cleveland, Ohio.

\$350,000 VICKSBURG FIRE.

Three Business Blocks Burned—Help Called From Other Cities.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Feb. 12.—Fire that swept through three blocks of the business section of this city this afternoon